

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SALONEN, Jukka T. Conf.:
Appl. No.: NEW Group:
Filed: December 14, 2001 Examiner:
For: METHOD FOR ASSESSING THE RISK OF
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 14, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cardiovascular disease is coronary heart disease or cerebrovascular disease.

REMARKS

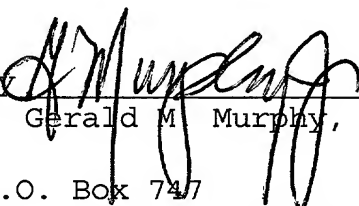
The amendment to the claims is merely to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) The method according to [any one of the preceding claims]claim 1, wherein the cardiovascular disease is coronary heart disease or cerebrovascular disease.